



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: This week, parts of the State experienced a high volume of rainfall while other parts of the state experienced less than average rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Temperatures remained average for this time of year for producers. These conditions allowed farmers 5.5 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	24	66	5
Last Week	4	30	63	3
Last Year	4	27	62	7

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	27	67	2
Last Week	4	31	64	1
Last Year	5	35	56	4

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest is now estimated at 99 percent completed. Spring barley had 86 percent turning color and 20 percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 77 percent turning color with 11 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 97 percent silked, 20 percent in dough and was rated in good to excellent condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 64 percent headed and 22 percent turning color with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good condition. Dry onions were one percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good to excellent condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending August 8, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	23	63	12
Last Year	0	3	21	47	29
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	30	56	12
Last Year	0	2	20	51	27

Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. The harvest of summer potatoes began this week with two percent harvested by week's end. Dry beans are 88 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 75 percent, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado improved last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good to fair condition. The second cutting of alfalfa continues with 84 percent complete and six percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has already been completed. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 8, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	5	35	54	6
Prev. Year - 2009	2	6	34	43	15
5-Year Avg.	14	21	35	25	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 8, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	99	98	99	100
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	86	72	96	95
Harvested	20	8	23	23
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	77	59	86	86
Harvested	11	7	22	20
Corn				
Silked	97	75	88	85
Dough	20	5	17	22
Sorghum				
Headed	64	37	48	57
Coloring	22	17	33	21
Dry Onions				
Harvested	1	N/A	1	1
Dry Beans				
Flowered	88	72	76	75
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	84	75	65	79
3 rd Cutting	6	2	4	4
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	2	N/A	3	4

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	3	12	73	12
Corn	0	2	15	55	28
Sorghum	1	5	26	51	17
Dry Onions	1	1	13	68	17
Dry Beans	0	4	24	66	6
Alfalfa	0	3	21	57	19
Sugarbeets	0	0	9	71	20
Summer Potatoes	0	8	9	79	4
Fall Potatoes	0	1	20	58	21
Sunflowers	0	3	23	53	21

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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